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SUBJECT: NATO-HAWK BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING, 24-27 JUNE 1975

SECDEF FOR OASD(I&L-MR D CUFFE; ODDR&E; OASK(ISA); AND DSAA. DA FOR OASA(I&L); DCSLOG FOR MSG-SBI; AND ACSI. AMC FOR AMCGC. MICOM FOR AMCPM-HA.

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B. USNATO 2950.

C. LTR DCAS-NS, 27 DEC 74, SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR NATO-HAWK DOCUMENTS.

D. USNATO 1511

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BEGIN SUMMARY. MESSAGE ADDRESSED ITEM OF INTEREST TO THE US WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL BE COVERED AT THE JUN 75 MEETING OF THE NATO-HAWK BOD. TROUBLESOME ITEMS INCLUDE REVIEW OF PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM US DELAY OF GENERAL ELECTRIC EXPORT LICENSE FOR NATO-HAWK ITEMS EARLIER THIS YEAR, US INDUSTRIAL SECURITY REGULATIONS, AND LATE

RESPONSE OF THE US TO NATO-HAWK ON QUESTIONS RELATED TO SECURITY OF FIRING RANGES. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONCUR IN NATO-HAWK PROPOSED CHANGE TO MOU ON US HAWK/NATO-HAWK MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT BY COB 10 JUNE. MISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS US CONCURRENCE IN NATO WAIVER OF DOCUMENT OVERSTAMPING REQUIREMENT FOR NATO-HAWK. MISSION REQUESTS WASHINGTON ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING US ANSWERS TO NATO-HAWK QUESTIONS ON FIRING RANGE SECURITY MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO-HAWK BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) WILL MEET IN PARIS 24-27 JUN 75. US MEMBER OF BOD (COL LYNCH) DISCUSSED AGENDA (REF A) WITH THE NATO-HAWK GENERAL MANAGER (MG COERDT) AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF DURING THEIR VISIT TO NATO HQ ON 27 MAY. GEN COERDT EXPECTS SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH THE BOD AND PRIMARILY WITH THE CHAIRMAN (COL HOFFMAN, FRANCE) ON SEVERAL MATTERS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE U.S.

2. HEADING THE LIST OF TROUBLESOME ITEMS (AGENDA ITEM 2) IS THE MATTER OF THE GE EXPORT LICENSE DELAY, SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MISSION AND WASHINGTON EARLY IN 1975. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO SEPCIFIC PROBLEMS FOR BOD CONSIDERATION;

A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN NATO-HAWK MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NHMO) AND THE US ARMY WHICH PERTAINS TO MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN US HAWK AND NATO-HAWK. MISSION DOES NOT HAVE FINAL US-PROPOSED TEXT OF THIS MOU, BUT GEN COERDT HAS A COPY AND STATED THAT THE TAKES EXCEPTION TO ONLY ONE SECTION OF THE MOU. COL LYNCH, WHO ACCOMPANIED GEN COERDT TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCES ON 8-9 APR 75, SUPPORTS GEN COERDT'S VIEW OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN WASHINGTON. THOSE AGREEMENTS SUBSEQUQNTLY WERE PUT IN WRITING BY ELEMENTS OF THE ARMY MATERIAL COMMAND (AMC) AND SPECIFICALLY THE ARMY MISSILE COMMAND (MICOM). THE SECTION WHICH GEN COERDT REQUESTED BY CHANGED FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

IT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO DIVERT US-PRODUCED NATO-HAWK ITEMS FOR US USAGE. IN THE EVENT THAT NATO CONFIDENTIAL

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ITEMS ARE, OR WILL BE, AFFECTED BY US DEPT OF COMMERCE DIRECTIVE UNDER THE US DEFENSE PRIORITIES SYSTEM, THE NHPLO WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ORDER THAT THE IMPACT, IF ANY, CAN BE DETERMINED AND MUTUAL ACTION TAKEN TO MINIMIZE THAT IMPACT. END QUOTE.

GENERAL COERDT PROPOSES SUBSTITUTION OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE. BEGIN QUOTE:

IT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO DIVERT US-PRODUCED NATO-HAWK ITEMS FOR US USAGE. IN THE EVENT THAT NATO ITEMS WILL BE AFFECTED BY A US DEPT OF COMMERCE DIRECTIVE UNDER THE US DEFENSE PRIORITIES SYSTEM, THE NHPLO WILL BE CONTACTED IN ORDER TO DERIVE A MUTUALLY AGREEEABLE SOLUTION. END QUOTE.

GEN COERDT PERCEIVES AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN QUOTE MUTUAL ACTION TO MINIMIZE IMPACT (ON NATO-HAWK) UNQUOTE AND QUOTEDERIVATION OF A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION UNQUOTE. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON AGREE TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE. THE GEN MGR HAS REQUESTED A RAPID RESPONSE TO PERMIT HIM TIME TO CIRCULATE THE AGREEMENT DOCUMENT TO THE BOD IN ADVANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING. REQUEST REPLY BY COB 10 JUNE.

B. COST TO THE NATO-HAWK PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC EXPORT LICENSE DELAY. RAYTHEON HAS COMPLETED ITS ANALYSIS OF IMPACT ON THE PROGRAM. APPARENTLY RAYTHEON HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING C.G.E. FIAR, THE PRIMARILY AFFECTED SUBCONTRACTOR, THAT FIAR SHOULD NOT PUSH A FINANCIAL CLAIM. GEN COERDT STATED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER FIRMS WHOSE SCHEDULES DOWNSTREAM IN THE PROGRAM WERE BADLY DISRUPTED BY THE DELAYS AT FIAR ARE COMING FORTH WITH CLAIMS. HE WILL RECOMMEND AGAINST THE BOD HONORING ANY COST CLAIMS AND HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE BOD WILL BE UNWILLING TO REIMBURSE ANY CONTRACTOR FOR COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE US UNILATERAL ACTION OF DELAYING THE GE SHIPMENT. ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE BOD WILL DECIDE TO MAKE DEMANDS UPON THE US FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. IN A MEETING ON OR ABOUT 12 MAY WITH THE BOD CHAIRMAN, COL HOFFMAN WARNED GEN COERDT THAT UNLESS THE EXPORT LICENSE DELAY PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED TO HIS SATISFACTION, FRANCE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER INTO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS UNQUOTE. ON THE BASIS OF THAT WARNING GEN COERDT HAS ELECTED TO COVER THIS MATTER, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHERS, IN A RESTRICTED SESSION ON 24 JUNE.

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3.NEXT ITEM IS NOT ON THE AGENDA, BUT MAY ARISE IN BOD DISCUSSION. MISSION ADDRESSED SEPTTEL (REF B) INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVING SHIPMENT OF CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT FROM CONUS TO EUROPE. IN ADDITION TO THAT COMPLEX PROBLEM, NATO-HAWK FACES MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLYING WITH US GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS (REF C) ON NATO CLASSIFICATION OVERSTAMPING OF US CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTATION (IN EXCESS OF 500,000 PAGES) WHICH INCLUDES TECHNICAL MANUALS. GEN COERDT REQUESTED AND RECEIVED NATO HQ (DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, ABIDIAN) APPROVAL FOR A DEVIATION FROM NORMAL PROCEDURES

IN THE OVERSTAMPING OF BOUND DOCUMENTS (MANUALS). MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT US CONCURRENCE IN THE EXCEPTION TO POLICY (AN RECISSION OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO MICOM HAWK PROJECT MANAGER, CONTAINED IN REF C) IS REQUIRED. THE NATO AUTHORIZATION SAYS (BEGIN QUOTE)

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YOU CAN DISPENSE WITH STAMPING EACH PAGE NATO-HAWK CONFIDENTIAL PROVIDED THAT THE COVER OF EACH MANUAL IN ADDITION TO BEING MARKED NATO-HAWK AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM WILL HAVE CONSPICUOUSLY MARKED-PREFERABLE IN A DISTINCTIVE COLOR- THE FOLLOWING LEGEND: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL, INCLUDING ANY EXTRACTS THAT MAY BE MADE HEREFROM, IS CLASSIFIED NATO-HAWK CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST BE PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY. END QUOTE.

THE EXCEPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SECRET INFORMATION. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONCUR IN NATO AUTHORIZATION AND RESCIND PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE HAWK PROJECT MANAGER (REF C). NATO-HAWK ALREADY HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION OF THE TECHNICAL MANUALS TO THE PROGRAM SUBCONTRACTORS. PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER IS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID FURTHER DELAY.

4. FOLLOWING THE BOD MEETING OF 10-14 MAR 75 MISSION REPORTED ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY OF IMPROVED HAWK FIRING RANGES (REF D), AND NOTED THAT USNHLO WAS HANDLING THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH MICOM. MISSION REQUESTED THAT WASHINGTON CONFIRM WITH MICOM AND THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (WSMR) THAT THE US COULD MET THE NATO-HAWK REQUESTED SUSPENSE DATE OF 1 MAY 75. US REPS (NORRIS, MICOM, AND DEBUSK, WSMR) WERE PRESENT AT THE NATO-HAWK TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS DURING WEEK OF 26-30 MAY, BUT NATO-HAWK MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NHMO) IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE US RESPONSE ON THE FIRING RANGE SECURITY QUESTIONS. MISSION NOTES THAT OACSI, DA HAS ONLY RECENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF

REQUEST BY AMC FOR EVALUATION OF RANGE SECURITY AND RELATED MATTERS AFFECTING FIRINGS OF IMPROVED HAWK (REF E). UNFORTUNATELY THE DELAYED US RESPONSE IN THE MATTER OF FIRING RANGE SECURITY WILL NOT PERMIT TIME FOR FURTHER COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE JUNE BOD MEETING. THIS MATTER IS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE, AS REPORTED BY USNHLO TO MICOM IN MARCH, THE FRENCH AMONG OTHERS SUSPECT THAT THE US IS USING FIRING RANGE SECURITY AS A FACADE TO COVER A HARD SELL TO NATO-HAWK OF SERVICES AT WSMR. FRANCE HAS OPENLY QUESTIONED THE SECURITY OF WSMR IN VIEW OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE MEXICAN BORDER. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE US HAS AVOIDED ANSWERING SUCH QUESTIONS. THE GEN MGR EXPECTS FRANCE TO HIT HARD ON THE SAME ISSUE AT THE JUNE BOD MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 2.7). MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON REVIEW THIS MATTER WITH THE ARMY AND ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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5. AS REPORTED FROM LASH BOD MEETING (REF B), EARLIER DISCUSSION OF USE OF NATO-HAWK PRODUCTION AND LOGISTICS ORGANIZATION (NHPLO) FOR FUTURE MEDIUM SAM STUDIED DID NOT GENERATE MUCH ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE MEMBERS. THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN UNDER AGENDA ITEM 2.10. FOLLOWING THE APR CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD), THE NAOMO DDOLSEC GEN FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (DR. TUCKER) WAS TO WRITE THE BOD CHAIRMAN AND REQUEST NATO-HAWK ASSESSMENT OF ITS POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE IN THIS REGARD. MISSION WILL SEND TUCKER LETTER SEPTEL WHEN AVAILABLE. BRUCE

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